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New York State Department of Public Service to Hold Hearings on East End for Utility Plan

Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski, who represents constituents in the First District, called on the New York State Department Public Service (NYS DPS) to hold additional public information meetings and hearings on the East End for PSEG Long Island's Utility 2.0 Long Range Plan.

The plan, which can be viewed by visiting

<u>https://www.psegliny.com/page.cfm/AboutUs/PressReleases/Utility2_0</u>, incudes PSEG's long term plans for energy generation, infrastructure improvements, investment in renewables and conservation initiatives.

Initially, the two meetings scheduled for Long Island were to be held in Nassau and western Suffolk. In a letter to the NYS DPS dated July 25, 2014, Legislator Krupski wrote:

"Currently, only two public hearings are scheduled for Long Island. The first in will be held in Smithtown at the William H. Rogers Legislative Building in Suffolk on August 19, 2014. The second will be held in Mineola on August 20 at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building.

These venues are not convenient for those ratepayers who live on the East End. For example, my constituents living in Orient would have to travel 60 miles to attend the meeting in Smithtown. Adding an additional date and venue will facilitate more robust public participation, as I am sure you will agree, is our mutual goal."

In response, the NYS DPS has scheduled two additional public events which will be held on Tuesday, August 26.

The first will begin at 10:30 am and will take place at the Suffolk County Legislative Auditorium in the Evans K. Griffing Building, 300 Center Drive in Riverhead. Later that day, a second meeting will be held at the Village of East Hampton Emergency Services Building, One Cedar Street in East Hampton. The East Hampton meeting will start a 5pm. Both events will begin with an hour long information session where PSEG representatives will outline the Utility 2.0 Long Range Plan. A public statement hearing will immediately follow.

Interested parties can obtain additional information, including instructions on how to submit written comments, by visiting the NYS PSC website at http://www.dps.ny.gov/longisland/PSEG-LI_Utility_Plan.html .